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I refer to Security Council resolution 2171 (2014) of 21 August 2014, in which the Council requested me to submit to it a report on actions I have taken to promote and strengthen conflict prevention tools within the United Nations system, including through cooperation with regional and subregional organizations, by 31 August 2015.

On 31 October 2014, I announced the appointment of a High-level Independent Panel on Peace Operations to comprehensively assess the state of United Nations peace operations. The Panel issued its report on 16 June 2015, and made a number of specific recommendations on conflict prevention, calling for prevention and mediation to be "brought back to the fore" of the United Nations work. I am currently preparing my response to the Panel's recommendations. In view of this, and to ensure consistency between my reports, I would like to request an extension, until 30 September 2015, for the submission of my report on conflict prevention to the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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